

**ABSTRACT**

A wood cutting band saw blade that when cutting wood produces saw dust and forms a kerf. The band saw blade includes a cutting edge defined by a plurality of teeth spaced relative to each other and a back edge located on an opposite side of the band saw blade relative to the cutting edge. The plurality of teeth include a plurality of set teeth each having a tip, each defining a bend plane, and each including a shelf located at least partially between the tip and the bend plane for reducing saw dust passing to the kerf and accumulating on the band saw blade. Each of the set teeth may define a relief surface and a cutting surface, where the relief surface extends from one side of the tip in a direction opposite that of the movement of the band saw blade and the cutting surface extends from another side of the tip. The shelf includes a shelf surface extending from the cutting surface and may terminate in a shelf tip.

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